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[**Sports News Release**]

CUC signs new four year agreement with CIAA and 2012 CARIFTA Team announced

CUC has signed a four-year sponsorship agreement with the Cayman Islands Athletic Association (CIAA). This new agreement starts a second Quadrennial Sponsorship between CUC and the CIAA and follows on from the first Quadrennial Sponsorship, which was initiated in 2007. It further solidifies CUC's relationship with Cayman's rising track stars and current Olympians.

The announcement of this new agreement was made at the media event held to announce the 2012 Cayman Islands CARIFTA Team.

President and CEO of CUC, Richard Hew, said "Our long relationship with the CIAA has produced regional and international champion athletes of whom we are extremely proud. The greater pleasure, however, is knowing that for every champion produced there are hundreds of Caymanians who are better citizens today because they participated in the CIAA programme that built character in their developing years. For this we congratulate and thank the CIAA Executive, its coaching staff and numerous volunteers and we look forward to continuing our relationship for many years to come."

The five-member 2012 Cayman Islands CARIFTA Track and Field Team were presented to the media on Friday, March 30 at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex prior to their departure for the 41st CARIFTA Games, which is being held in Hamilton, Bermuda between April 6 and 9.

The team, captained by Ashleigh Nalty, consists of three male and two female athletes. In the Girls Under 17 Division, Tiffany Cole will compete in the 800 metres (m) and 1500m. In the Girls Under 20 Division, veteran Ashleigh Nalty will compete in the high jump. In the Boys Under 17 Division, team members include Jonathan Frederick from Cayman Brac in the shot put and discus and Trenvick Coleman in the high Jump. In the Boys Under 20 Division, veteran Alex Pascal will compete in the javelin.

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Vice President of the CIAA, Harcourt Wason, presented the team to the media and commended the athletes for their dedication and hard work in achieving the qualifying times and distances. He anticipated a good showing from the Cayman contingent as in previous years, and expressed the Association's appreciation to the coaches, parents and many volunteers who worked tirelessly in preparing the athletes for this important regional competition. Assisting Mr. Wason with the presentation were the team's Head Coach Kenrick Williams and Team Manager Sana Tugman.

Mr. Hew congratulated the athletes on their achievements and urged them to always perform at their best. 2012 marks 33 years that CUC, the main corporate sponsors of the CIAA, has been involved with the Association and its endeavours, particularly the CARIFTA Games. Mr. Hew expressed CUC's pleasure in being able to assist with the development of the CIAA and the Islands' outstanding athletes over the years.

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Caption:

The Cayman islands 2012 CARIFTA Track and Field Team was presented to the media prior to their departure for Bermuda by (front row, from left) Kenrick Williams, Head Coach; Harcourt Wason, CIAA Vice President; Richard Hew, CUC's President and CEO and Sana Tugman, Team Manager. The Team consists of (back row, from left) Jonathan Frederick, Tiffany Cole, Trenvick Coleman, Ashleigh Nalty and Alex Pascal (missing from photo).